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CITY COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES CHAIRMAN JOE SANCHEZ'S LEGISLATION TO SAVE BURN NOTICE

(Miami, FL)- At the strong urging of Chairman Joe Sanchez, the Miami Commission voted unanimously today to keep the top-rated cable television show in the nation filming in Miami for a fourth season.

Burn Notice, which has spent more than \$50 million locally and provides 200 wellpaying jobs to production workers, can film through 2010 thanks to Sanchez's leadership.

"Today, we sent a loud and clear message to the creative trade: BRING YOUR JOBS TO MIAMI because the City is committed to growing the artistic industry."

If Sanchez hadn't pushed for another year of Burn Notice filming at the Coconut Grove Expo Center, the building would have been demolished and the series – an hour long advertisement for Miami seen in more than 200 countries -- would have left the City.

"This action isn't solely for Burn Notice. This vote of support sends a strong message from Los Angeles to New York to Madrid and beyond: that Miami is very serious about accommodating and expanding the film, television, video, commercial, music, digital and other entertainment production industries " Sanchez said.

Sanchez said today's vote is just the beginning of his initiatives to grow the entertainment and creative industries.

"Miami is a City of entrepreneurs. Miami is a center of arts and creativity," Sanchez said. "We don't have factories, so it makes perfect sense to manufacture the creative trade – for today and for our children's future."

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